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SUBJECT: FISHING OPERATIONS BY WEST GERMAN VESSELS  
IN EASTERN PACIFIC

REF: A) STATE 278788, B) BONN 19829

1. SUMMARY: EMBOFF CALLED JAN 6 ON DEPUTY  
ASSTSEC MOEGLINGHOFF AND OTHER OFFICIALS OF  
FISHERIES DIVISION OF AGRICULTURE MINISTRY TO  
DISCUSS REPORTED FRG EXPLORATORY FISHING  
OPERATIONS IN PACIFIC AND TO CONVEY US CONCERNS  
SET FORTH IN REF A. MOEGLINGHOFF CONFIRMED THAT  
THIS EXPLORATORY FISHING IS TAKING PLACE, IN  
FULFILLMENT OF TERMS OF FRG-MEXICAN FISHERIES  
AGREEMENT SIGNED LAST SUMMER. THIS AGREEMENT  
PROVIDES FOR GERMAN TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND  
INVESTMENT TO DEVELOP MEXICAN DEEP SEA FISHERY  
WHICH WOULD PROBABLY BE CONFINED TO WATERS OFF  
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MEXICAN COAST. FRG HAS NO PRESENT PLANS TO

ESTABLISH GERMAN FLAG FISHERY IN PACIFIC. END SUMMARY

2. MOEGLINGHOFF GAVE US COPY OF FRG NOTE TO GOM DATED AUG 16, 1974 WHICH SETS FORTH PROVISIONS OF AGREEMENT PROVIDING FOR FRG-MEXICAN COOPERATION IN DEVELOPING A MEXICAN DEEP-SEAS FISHERY IN PACIFIC. EMBASSY IS TRANSLATING THIS NOTE AND WILL POUCH COPIES TO DEPARTMENT AND TO ADDRESSEE POSTS. AGREEMENT CALLS FOR FIRST PHASE FROM OCT 1, 1974 TO JUNE 30, 1975 INVOLVING EXPLORATORY FISHING AND STUDY OF COMMERCIAL FEASIBILITY. IF RESULTS OF FIRST PHASE ARE PROMISING, THE TWO GOVERNMENTS WOULD PARTICIPATE IN A SECOND PHASE INVOLVING ESTABLISHMENT OF ONE OR SEVERAL MEXICAN FISHING COMPANIES WITH GERMAN CAPITAL PARTICIPATION. A SHARE OF THE "EXPORTABLE EXCESS" OF PRODUCTION OF THESE COMPANIES WOULD BE EXPORTED TO THE FRG. DEPENDING ON THE OUTCOME OF THE EXPLORATORY PHASE, OTHER FORMS OF COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO PARTIES COULD ALSO BE UNDERTAKEN.

3. THE TWO FRG FISHING VESSELS CONDUCTING THIS RESEARCH WERE CHARTERED BY THE FEDERAL INSTITUTE FOR FISHERIES RESEARCH IN HAMBURG, WHICH HAS ALSO FURNISHED SCIENTISTS TO PARTICIPATE IN SURVEY. MOEGLINGHOFF EXPLAINED THAT WHILE MEXICAN FISHERY WOULD PROBABLY BE LIMITED TO WATERS OFF MEXICAN COAST, EXPLORATORY FISHING IS DESIGNED TO COVER BROADER AREA IN ORDER OBTAIN FULLER INFORMATION REGARDING SIZE AND MOVEMENTS OF FISH STOCKS. THESE VESSELS COMMENCED OPERATIONS IN MORE SOUTHERN WATERS OFF GUATEMALA AND ARE SCHEDULED TO START EXPLORING WATERS OFF US COAST ABOUT NOW. A SECOND SURVEY OF THE SAME AREA WILL TAKE PLACE IN MAY-JUNE.

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SURVEYS OF THE SAME AREAS WILL BE REPEATED  
IN FALL 1975 AND SPRING 1976. CHIEF INTEREST IS  
IN HAKE STOCKS. WHEN WE NOTED THAT US BELIEVES  
PACIFIC HAKE STOCKS ARE ALREADY FULLY EXPLOITED,  
MOEGLINGHOFF'S STAFF RESPONDED THAT THEY BELIEVE  
LITTLE IS ACTUALLY KNOWN ABOUT HAKE, AND THAT  
HAKE IS LISTED BY FAO AS A FISH RESOURCE THAT  
IS NOT YET SUFFICIENTLY DEVELOPED.

4. MOEGLINGHOFF TOLD US THAT HE HAD BEEN CONCERNED  
ABOUT US SENSITIVITIES AND SO HAD WANTED TO  
BE SURE USG INFORMED ABOUT SCOPE AND PURPOSE OF  
PRESENT EXPLORATORY SURVEY. HE TOLD US HE HAD  
REQUESTED FORNOFFICE TO INFORM DEPT LAST OCT, AND  
THAT HE HAD EXPLAINED PROGRAM TO NOAA OFFICIALS  
IN ROME DURING FAO FISHING CMTE MEETING. HE  
WAS THUS DISTURBED TO LEARN THAT INTERESTED  
WASHINGTON AGENCIES HAD NOT YET BEEN FULLY  
BRIEFED. SINCE THE AGREEMENT CALLS FOR A SECOND  
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SURVEY NEXT YEAR, DEVELOPMENT OF A MEXICAN  
FISHERY WILL TAKE SOME TIME. IN ALL PROBABILITY  
IT WOULD NOT BE OPERATIONAL UNTIL LOS WORK HAD ENDED  
AND LITTORAL STATES HAD ESTABLISHED FISHING  
ZONES OFF THEIR COASTS. IN THAT SITUATION  
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